

TOWN OF WILTON  
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: January 12, 2015  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Place: Town Office  
Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectmen Richard E. Swanson and Kermit R. Williams.  
Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Condra.

Dawn Tuomala was first on the agenda to discuss the Storm Water contract. She spoke about her 2015 contract for Storm Water work. She stated that item number eight (GIS system) is going to be an on-going process. Selectman Williams suggested taking advantage of maps offered by NRPC. Dawn said there were maps available from other agencies as well, and that all must be kept updated. Final approval by the EPA could change some of her plans. She has asked to have \$25,000 encumbered from the Storm Water line item. She showed the Board a draft of what she plans to put on the website. It will be a public education piece about Storm Water Management targeting residential, commercial, and industrial groups as well as contractors. The Selectmen asked Dawn some questions about the pricing in her contract. Dawn was asked to provide a fee schedule. The Board signed the contract "contingent upon the 2015 budget passing".

Next, Dawn discussed the New Reservoir Dam project. She asked who was to do the Wetland's Application; stating that she can do it for an extra \$3,000. Selectman Williams said they should remove that item from HTE's contract. Dawn said that he did remove \$2,000 from the contract but needs to include the Shoreland permit which is an additional \$1,000. Selectman Williams said that is \$1,000 more than was budgeted. He thinks that legally the Town should pay HTE and then HTE would bill Dawn. So the Town pays \$2,000 to HTE and \$1,000 to Dawn for the Shoreland permit. Kermit thinks Dawn should get a subcontract with HTE for that work. The \$800 bill submitted by Monadnock Survey is to be split between the Water Department and the Town and is not part of the Warrant Article or the encumbered funds.

The next subject Dawn spoke about was the billing error made by the Water Department; charging the Town \$660 too much for hydrant rental. After further discussion the following motion was made:  
**Motion:** Selectman Williams made a motion to request a refund from the Water Department for excess billing on the hydrants in the amount of \$660. Selectman Swanson seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Dawn reminded the Selectmen of the meeting for Wednesday with the Budget Committee. There was a discussion about the Warrant Article from the Energy Committee that Selectman Swanson is going to present.

The Selectmen discussed a Warrant Article that has been submitted by the Conservation Commission asking for 50% of any money collected from land coming out of Current Use (Land Use Change Tax) to be put into the Conservation Fund. Chairman Condra refers to this money as deferred tax dollars and he thinks the money should go back to the Town. He thinks it is a disservice to the taxpayers to establish a fixed percentage that would go into one account; they might like to see that money spent elsewhere. He believes 50% is way more than what we should be spending. He is concerned that there may be a tendency to accelerate buying conservation land. Selectman Williams stated that the Conservation Commission cannot spend the money without permission from the Board of Selectmen. Bill disagrees. Selectman

Swanson gave his opinion on the rural quality of Wilton. There was a discussion about what percentage of the LUCT should be requested on the Warrant Article and if a cap should be placed on the total amount collected. The Conservation Commission was meeting in another room and it was agreed to ask them to join the Selectmen in this discussion. A discussion ensued among the Commission members and the Selectmen. Conservation Chairman Bart Hunter stated that he has no problem with a cap. At the end of a lengthy discussion, Chairman Condra closed public input and Selectman Williams made the following motion:

**Motion:** The motion was made to recommend that the Conservation Commission modify their Warrant Article to include a cap of \$25,000; it would read: 50% up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year as allowed by RSA 79-A:25. Selectman Swanson seconded the motion. Vote: Selectman Swanson, aye; Selectman Williams, aye; Chairman Condra, nay. Motion passes 2 to 1.

The Assessor's contract was reviewed next. After a discussion on the renewal clause and a "not to exceed" amount, the following motion was made:

**Motion:** Selectman Williams moves to strike the automatic renewal clause in Todd Haywood's contract; add a "not to exceed" amount; and request a contract review on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of December of the year the contract will expire. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative. Motion carries.

The Town's Property Liability insurance was discussed. Selectman Williams asked about an Errors and Omissions policy. Selectman Swanson said we should have that policy. Selectmen Condra and Swanson liked the idea of going with Primex for liability coverage for the \$7,000 savings. Selectman Williams agreed if all things are equal, but he stated that it is hard to measure.

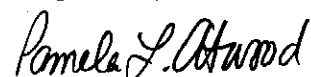
Chairman Condra called for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(e) at 9:02 P.M.

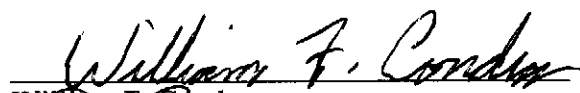

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:15 P.M. Chairman Condra made a motion seconded by Selectman Swanson and by roll call vote unanimously voted to seal the minutes of the nonpublic meeting

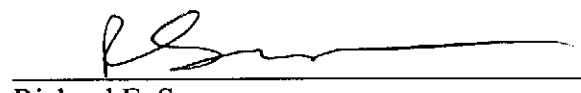
The Board talked about the benefits of getting natural gas in Wilton

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Swanson, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

  
Pamela L. Atwood,  
Recording Secretary

  
William F. Condra  
  
Kermit R. Williams

  
Richard E. Swanson  
1-19-15  
Date Signed